

HEROES

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

HEROES STEP UP!

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HERO QUESTION: IS IT MY JOB? • FUNNY HOW WE CATEGORIZE JOBS, GENDER OF MY TEACHERS/PROFESSORS

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WE KNOW HE WAS BEING COWARDLY OR DOUBTFUL BECAUSE OF HER RESPONSE
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JUDGES 4:7 & 4:9

Aside on Women in Leadership

- God is not opposed to putting a **WOMAN** in **CHARGE**.
- God still desires (prefers?) **FAITHFUL MALE** leadership.
- When men are dishonorable, God will raise up honorable **WOMEN**.
REVISIT VERSE 10... GO WITH GO WITH GO WITH • 11-23

DEBORAH AND BARAK (POETIC THIS TIME) — JUDGES 5

SECTION ONE 1-8 (LEADERS) // SECTION TWO 9-18 (VOLUNTEERS) • 19-31 (ENEMIES, GOD, WOMEN)
GENDER IS A CENTRAL THREAD, BUT NOT THE MAIN POINT • STORY TOLD TWICE TO DRIVE IT HOME
2 & 9 •• THE PROBLEM FOR THEM WASN'T THAT A WOMAN WAS LEADING BUT THAT NO ONE ELSE WAS!

TAKE IT HOME

- When God gifts you and calls you to lead, **LEAD** !!
- When one of God's leaders calls you to follow, **FOLLOW** !!
- When God gives you a **TENT PEG, USE** it!!

... but also ...

MEN: STEP UP AND LEAD / ALSO LISTEN •• WOMEN: DON'T WAIT FOR A MAN, BUT LEAD HIM TO LEAD
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